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## THE JOY OF "COMING BACK"

If The Times editor felt in need of any additional "glad hand" to make him feel that his friends in Missouri were pleased to welcome his return to this grand old State, he was certainly given that member in St. Louis last week when he attended the banquet given by the Democratic State Committee to the Democratic editors of this State.

There we again met many splendid friends of former days, not only among the newspaper "gang," but other friends, from many sections of the State. And the manner in which they welcomed us created the feeling that they were almost as much pleased to have us back among them, as we were to be back, after a ten years absence from the State.

While we do not intend to advise others to undergo a similar undertaking to what we have gone through, it really makes us feel well high repaid for the loss of ten long years residence in this splendid old commonwealth to experience the pleasures that came to The Times editor by the welcome that was given him by many old friends. It caused such a swelling of the heart as to eliminate any socks that may have been gathering there. Hereafter, Missouri is the only State for us, and we are doubly fortunate in "beating back" to become located in the best county in the State—though the poorest of them would look like Paradise after an absence similar to ours.

The County Farm Bureau has started a campaign to increase its membership, as may be seen by Farm Adviser France's report in this issue of The Times. Membership is not confined to farmers, but business men, professional men, and men in all callings are invited and urged to become members. The movement is not only for better farm methods, which accrue to the advantage of all, but to encourage a community of interests that will be beneficial in many ways—promoting sociality, a larger influence in public affairs, wholesome legislation, local improvements, etc. Take hold of this enterprise, merchant, lawyer, doctor, mechanic, everybody, and get all the good that is in it out of it. The St. Francois County Farm Bureau has proved the liveliest wire of any in the State—keep the current on, don't cut it out.

Attention is called to an appeal—to be found in another column of this paper—of the Board of Trustees of the Elmwood Home for Orphan and Homeless Children. This institution, located in our midst, is peculiarly local, although statewide in its mission, and is as deserving as it is worthy of the aid and encouragement of every man and woman in St. Francois county. In helping to provide a home for the orphaned, you are honoring the spirit of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." It is not only a Christian, but a patriotic duty and privilege to help our little homeless ones. Won't you help?

Ninety-Six counties in Missouri received more money back from the State than they paid to the State in taxes in 1915. Only nineteen counties paid into the State treasury more money than they received back from the State. For instance, St. Francois County paid to the State in taxes \$24,229.84, and received back in school, road and other apportionments, \$37,571.56. The State government certainly hasn't cost this county anything.

The State Democratic Committee met in St. Louis last Friday and named March 21st for a State Convention to be held at St. Joseph, for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Democratic Convention to meet in St. Louis June 14th. The county primaries or conventions to elect delegates to the St. Joseph Convention will be held throughout the State on Tuesday, March 14th.

## MUST BE EFFICIENCY HERE

State Auditor Gordon in his printed announcement as a candidate for re-nomination by the Democrats, gives a table of figures showing the amount of taxes each county pays into the State Treasury and the amount which the State pays back to each county in apportionments, such as support of public schools, road improvement, foreign insurance, etc. The statement is somewhat startling, for it shows that to ninety-six counties the State has paid back to them for the year 1915 sums ranging from \$347 to \$2,894.27 more than they paid into the State Treasury in the way of taxes. St. Francois county received back \$13,341.72 more than it paid in taxes into the State Treasury.

This being true one might naturally inquire where does the State government get the money to pay its current expenses, such as salaries of officers and the thousands of other necessary incidental expenses pertaining thereto. Have you ever stopped to think about it? It comes from fees collected by the several State departments for commissions issued, grain inspection, excise and licenses to corporations, automobiles, etc., etc.

Take the State Auditor's office, for instance. For the years 1913 and 1914, Auditor Gordon, after defraying all running expenses of his department paid an excess of over \$36,000 into the State Treasury. The office of Secretary of State and other departments have contributed in like manner to the up-keep of the State government. So it is clear to all who stop to think that the several departments of the State must be honestly, economically and efficiently managed, else the State government returning the counties more than it receives from them would be bankrupt; and all this talk on the part of Republican campaign spellbinders about waste, extravagance and inefficiency is the veriest sophistry without any foundation whatever.

Has the reader ever thought of how little he pays for the support of the State government? Missouri has the lowest State tax rate of any State in the Union, a condition that is altogether due to its Democratic administrations which, from 1872, gradually and persistently paid off a debt of millions and reduced the tax rate from 40 to 50 cents on the \$100 assessed value to only 18 cents at the present time. If you are assessed at \$1,000, you only pay to the State \$1.80 in taxes, and then the State turns around and pays back to the county more than it gets from it for educational purposes, road improvement, etc.

But if you only pay \$1.80 State tax, how is it that your tax receipts on your \$1,000 assessment in Farmington calls for \$21.30? This way—all the balance of that \$21.30 you pay except the \$1.80 State tax, is your county, road and school tax. The tax receipt on a \$1,000 assessment which we have before us, places the county tax at \$4.00, or 40c on the hundred dollar valuation; road tax \$2.50, or 25c on the hundred dollars, and school tax \$13.00 or \$1.30 on the hundred dollars.

And this would have to be increased, or your schools and roads suffer, if the State did not pay back to you for these purposes more than you pay to it. This is due in large measure to the faithfulness, honesty, efficiency and economy of the several departments of our State. They are all Democrats, 'tis true, but no Republican administration—we have never had but one out and out Republican administration since 1870—can make so satisfactory showing.

The conclusion of the whole matter is—keep the Democratic party in control of your State affairs.

Politte Elvins of this county is an aspirant for the position of National Republican Committeeman from this State. Mr. Niederhous of St. Louis is the present Committeeman. There are two other aspirants for the place, Jess Tolerton, former Governor Hadley's chief lieutenant, and Otto F. Stifel of St. Louis. But Politte is something of a hustler and wire manipulator, and is a standpatter among standpats.

The State Democratic Press Association and the State Democratic Committee, which met contemporaneously in St. Louis last Friday, both endorsed Governor Major for the Democratic nomination for Vice President.

## COMMEND PRESIDENT ON STAND TAKEN FOR AMERICAN RIGHTS

The Missouri Democratic Press Association, at the banquet given its members in St. Louis last Friday night by the State Democratic Committee, by a rising vote adopted the following resolution endorsing President Wilson in his stand on American rights under international law against which Congress threatened to revolt last week:

"Resolved, That the Democratic editors of Missouri, in convention assembled, do most heartily endorse the stand taken by President Wilson with respect to the assertion of American rights under international law. We agree with him that if expediency should be allowed to take the place of principle one humiliation would follow another and the whole fabric of international law might crumble under our hands. Professing our devotion to peace at any cost save that of honor, we renew expressions of confidence in his ability to save this nation from war without suffering the rights of its citizens under the law of nations to be violated or abridged. Recognizing the fact that his services in the cause of peace and mutual good understanding between nations in a time of world war have been of priceless value to humanity, we desire formally to record our unmeasured confidence in his wisdom and his courage in this hour of decision. We pledge our support to the uttermost in any step he may find it necessary to take in order to maintain the honor of the United States of America among the nations."

Hon. Walter Hensley will be in the race for Congress and those who hope he will not run will be disappointed. He will be a candidate and will be nominated.—DeSoto Press.

## CROSS ROADS

We have been having some more blustry, winter weather.

Lou Welty spent the week-end with A. J. Kennon and family.

Home Presnell of Libertyville was transacting business in this community Monday.

Jeff Barron returned to his home here Tuesday, after spending several days at Herculaneum.

Several of the young people from here attended the entertainment and last day of school at Libertyville last Friday night.

Mrs. Howard Umfleet and children of Mine La Motte spent over Sunday with her father, A. J. Kennon.

Mrs. Wm. Lenz went to Libertyville last Wednesday and spent several days with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Wallace.

Hazel McCarver and brother spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Wright.

Geo. Vessels, who has been spending this winter with his father, spent several days last week at Perryville.

Croena Lenz of Womack is spending this week with her uncle, Wm. Lenz.

## OLD HICKORY CHIPS

Young recruits are said to withstand war's rigor well, but it is war's triggers that do the damage.

That Senate Committee clerk who hasn't eaten anything for 26 days must be feeding out of the pork barrel.

T. R. calls for "sound Americanism" and it must be said that his brand is sound—all sound.

Sometimes a bachelor makes a woman happy by not marrying her.

Villa seems to be Mexico him of hate.

A girl never looks older than she is unless she has her hair in curl papers.

We don't know who is representing Austria in Washington now, but he might just as well begin to pack up.

A tax on false hair would help some.

How to lower the price of eggs? Keep a hen.

All the world loves a lover when he goes to war.

Happy is the man who can be alone without being lonely.

One ship that is safe from the submarines—the censorship.

Many a man has put himself in a hole by taking the stump.

Now a prune trust. Is there no help for the boarding house?

European capitals are not moved because moving is cheaper than paying rent.

There was a cat in our back yard last night peeing a neighbor's war news.

## FARM BUREAU NOTES (Continued from First page.)

P. A. Cashion, Farmington.  
C. M. Danuser, Esther.  
C. B. Denman, Farmington.  
Robin Doss, Farmington.  
Wm. Dugal, Farmington.  
Robt. Forsyth, Farmington.  
Chas. Giessing, Farmington.  
Wm. Gunnitt, Farmington.  
James Highley, Desloge.  
John W. Karach, Farmington.  
Wm. Kessler, Knob Lick.  
Will Kinkaid, Libertyville.  
S. D. Koen, Esther.  
F. J. Kollmeyer, Farmington.  
Wm. London, Farmington.  
Harry Mowern, Mine La Motte.  
W. B. Rariden, Farmington.  
I. F. Robinson, Farmington.  
John D. Rion, Farmington.  
E. Schrader, Farmington.  
Chas. Schuttler, Farmington.  
I. T. Sides, Farmington.  
John Simms, Farmington.  
W. M. Snellinger, Iron Mountain.  
A. K. Stevenson, Farmington.  
C. C. Weimer, Farmington.  
Robt. Weimer, Farmington.  
Walter C. Weimer, Farmington.  
R. L. Welker, Farmington.  
C. J. Westmeyer, Farmington.  
P. P. Westmeyer, Farmington.  
J. J. Westover, Farmington.  
Lorenzo Westover, Farmington.  
J. D. Yeargain, Farmington.  
Ferd F. Yeates, Elvins.

## A Few Things for which the St. Francois County Farm Bureau Stands.

The following resolutions were introduced and passed at the annual banquet of the St. Francois County Farm Bureau:

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU, FEB. 25, 1916.

1. Whereas, The live stock industry of St. Francois County is essential to the welfare of the people of St. Francois county and to the consumers of meats, living far beyond the confines of the county;

Whereas, This industry is suffering from depression because of unsatisfactory market conditions;

Be it resolved, that we, the farmers of St. Francois County, Mo., favor early action by Congress, conferring upon the Bureau of Markets and Country Organizations of the Departments of Agriculture the duty of enforcing a uniform system of accounting upon all corporations doing an interstate business in the manufacturing, buying and selling of food products, with a view to making more insistent, a proper relation between demand, supply and price;

That we favor an early enactment by Congress of a law, providing for the standardization of agricultural products;

That the United States Department of Agriculture be respectfully asked to issue frequent public reports on the meat supply of the United States, as it now does in the case of the grain supply;

And that we favor the strictest enforcement of the anti-trust laws.

2. Whereas, The unhampered and successful operation of agricultural lands is essential to the welfare of all people;

Whereas, The present unsatisfactory loan conditions keep many from owning farms and operating them successfully;

Be it resolved that we, the farmers of St. Francois County, Mo., recommend to our representatives in Congress the passage of the bill proposed in Document 494, Report of the Joint Committee on Rural Credits.

Copies of the above resolutions will be sent to the Missouri delegation in Congress, to the Senators from this State and to the President of the United States.

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU, FEB. 25, 1916.

1. Whereas, Our present laws governing Land Titles are unsatisfactory, so that transfers of land are difficult and expensive;

Be it resolved, that we, the farmers of St. Francois county, Mo., favor early action by our State Legislature in the matter of putting on our statute books a law that will provide for the standardization and registration of land titles.

2. Whereas, Choice, pure seed is fundamental to good crops;

Whereas, Feed of good quality is essential to obtain the best results in feeding;

Be it resolved, that we, the farmers of St. Francois county, Mo., respectfully ask our representatives in the State Legislature to pass a law, or laws, providing for an inspection of feed and seeds.

Copies of the above resolutions will be sent to our representatives and senators in the State Legislature, and to the Governor of the State of Missouri at the proper time.

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU, FEB. 25, 1916.

1. Whereas, The progress and

## Did It Ever Occur to You?

That "MONEY AT INTEREST IS A GOOD SILENT PARTNER?" We take it for granted that you are making more than you are spending. Then you want an investment. Your surplus earnings should not be idle.

## The St. Francois County Bank

Submits the following table showing accumulation of deposits of \$1.00 to \$10.00 weekly and interest at 4 per cent. per annum compounded semi-annually.

| Weekly Deposits | 1 Year  | 2 Years  | 3 Years  | 4 Years  | 5 Years  | 6 Years  | 7 Years  |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| \$1.00          | \$53.05 | \$108.24 | \$165.65 | \$225.38 | \$287.53 | \$352.19 | \$419.46 |
| 2.00            | 106.09  | 216.46   | 331.30   | 450.78   | 575.09   | 704.41   | 838.96   |
| 3.00            | 159.13  | 324.69   | 496.94   | 676.15   | 862.50   | 1,056.48 | 1,258.30 |
| 4.00            | 212.18  | 432.93   | 662.60   | 901.55   | 1,150.15 | 1,408.79 | 1,677.89 |
| 5.00            | 265.23  | 541.17   | 827.26   | 1,123.89 | 1,432.50 | 1,753.58 | 2,087.63 |
| 6.00            | 318.27  | 649.40   | 993.91   | 1,352.24 | 1,725.25 | 2,118.22 | 2,496.46 |
| 7.00            | 371.32  | 757.64   | 1,159.56 | 1,577.72 | 2,012.77 | 2,465.41 | 2,936.33 |
| 8.00            | 424.36  | 865.87   | 1,325.22 | 1,803.12 | 2,300.33 | 2,817.63 | 3,355.82 |
| 9.00            | 477.41  | 974.11   | 1,490.87 | 2,028.51 | 2,587.87 | 3,169.83 | 3,775.30 |
| 10.00           | 530.45  | 1,082.33 | 1,656.51 | 2,253.88 | 2,875.39 | 3,522.01 | 4,194.75 |

A little extra effort on your part will secure any desired sum at a specific time. Consult the above table and open a Savings Account at the ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY BANK today and watch it grow. \$1.00 or more will start you.

prosperity of a community depend to a very large extent upon good public highways.

Whereas, the farmers of St. Francois County, Mo., can obtain good permanent roads by paying a very small per cent. of the cost.

Be it resolved, that the St. Francois County Farm Bureau, recommend to our County Court and to the people of St. Francois county a Good Roads Bond Issue that will be adequate for the building of good permanent roads throughout the county.

2. Whereas, The present unsatisfactory loan conditions keep many from owning farms and operating them successfully;

Be it resolved, that we, the St. Francois County Farm Bureau, endorse the Gardiner State Land Bank Act, which has recently passed our State Legislature, and respectfully ask the people of St. Francois county, and of the State, to support the same when it comes to a vote at the general election this fall.

3. We, the business men of the towns and farms of St. Francois County, heartily endorse the spirit of co-operation becoming so manifest throughout Missouri and pledge our cordial support to the movement by an earnest endeavor to better community conditions in St. Francois county, and by a hearty co-operation with other communities for the development of Missouri's resources.

We especially endorse the plan of the State Federation of Clubs to provide the State University with a visual library to be used in all phases of community betterment and endorse the plan of the State Federation to assist in the organization of the various counties of Missouri along more systematic lines for the greater development of the State's resources, and for the betterment of living conditions.

## BUSINESS UNIVERSITY NOTES

Mrs. T. W. Byington of Farmington was one of our visitors this week.

We are pleased to report the continued demand for stenographers in St. Louis and elsewhere is as good or better than we have ever known it during our years of business college work. Our employment agencies in St. Louis during the past weeks placed in good paying positions the following students: Joseph Huber of Weingarten; Warden and William Moothart of Farmington; Raymond Vogt of Avon, and Fred Lynde of Flat River. Surely this should act as a special incentive for young people of Southeast Missouri to learn shorthand and bookkeeping, which will act for them as a stepping stone to greater opportunities in the business and professional world.

On a special examination given last Friday, using words of a general nature, Wm. O'Sullivan secured rank one, with Floyd Halter and Carroll Phillips dividing second honors, while those receiving special mention in order of rank on a special examination given from the regular spelling book, on Tuesday of this week, are, Floyd Halter, Wm. O'Sullivan, Irene Ware, Lionel Rehkop, Dewey Zolman, Mamie Wheeler, Lawrence Higgins and Alva Womack. Final arithmetic examination: Wm. O'Sullivan, first and Bryan Halter, second.

On the weekly Gold Medal type-writing contest held last Friday, the school now competing as a body, with divisions discarded, Miss Mamie Wheeler ranked first, with Miss Nannie Barnhouse and Harry Sheets dividing honors for second.

Miss Lydia Hinz, owing to illness, was detained at her home near Bismarck last week but is performing her regular school duties at present.

## Announcements

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of the following for nomination for the office and by the party named at the General Primary to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 1916:

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

For Sheriff:

M. A. PATTERSON.

C. J. SUTTON.

B. A. EATON,

of Flat River.

For County Treasurer:

W. T. HAILE.

For County Recorder:

C. E. PORTER.

THOS. V. BROWN.

### CITY OFFICES.

We are authorized to announce the following for nomination for office in the City of Farmington, which election will be held on the first Tuesday in April (the 4th):

For City Collector:

A. C. BOYD.

For Alderman, 1st Ward.

GUS SCHLIESSER.

Clyde McClintock on last Friday passed his first shorthand test given by President Moothart.

Mr. E. R. Horton of Doe Run was a caller at our office this week. Mr. Horton is one of our most enthusiastic endorsers, two of his sons being graduates of ours, and have been holding high grade positions ever since graduation. He says he has another son for us at the opening of the school this fall. We are always glad to have these encouraging words from patrons, and wish to say again that we are constantly striving to prepare young people, in just as short a time as possible, to get out into the office world and earn a good honorable livelihood.

Benjamin Womack has recently enrolled as a special student in the English department.

On final examination given in business English Tuesday, the following students received special honors: Irene Ware, Wm. O'Sullivan, Floyd Halter, Mamie Wheeler, Estella Doss, Zack Jennings and John Waring.

### THE LOCAL MARKET

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Wheat, per bushel.....          | \$1.05         |
| Flour, per 100.....             | \$3.20 to 3.60 |
| Bran, per 100 pounds.....       | 1.46           |
| Mixed Feed, per 100 pounds...   | 1.46           |
| Ship Stuff, per 100 pounds...   | 1.60           |
| Meal, per bushel.....           | \$1.00         |
| Corn, per bushel.....           | .90            |
| Oats, per bushel.....           | .70            |
| Irish Potatoes, per bushel..... | 1.10           |
| Sweet Potatoes, per bushel....  | 1.00           |
| Eggs, per dozen.....            | .18            |
| Butter, per lb.....             | .20 and .25    |
| Honey, per lb.....              | .15 and .20    |
| Apples, per bushel.....         | .60 to .75     |
| New Sorghum, per gallon.....    | .60            |
| Turkeys, per pound.....         | .18            |
| Hay, per ton.....               | \$10 to 12.00  |
| Hogs, on foot, per pound.....   | .06            |
| Bacon, per lb.....              | .14            |
| Ducks, per lb.....              | .12            |
| Chicken, young, 2 lbs and under | .12            |
| Hens, per lb.....               | .12            |
| Cattle, on foot, per lb.....    | .05            |
| Veal calves, per lb.....        | .06 and .07    |
| Lard, per lb.....               | .12 to .14     |
| Tallow, per lb.....             | .05            |
| Ham, smoked.....                | .16 to .18     |
| Hides, green.....               | .12 to .15     |
| Beeswax, per lb.....            | .25            |